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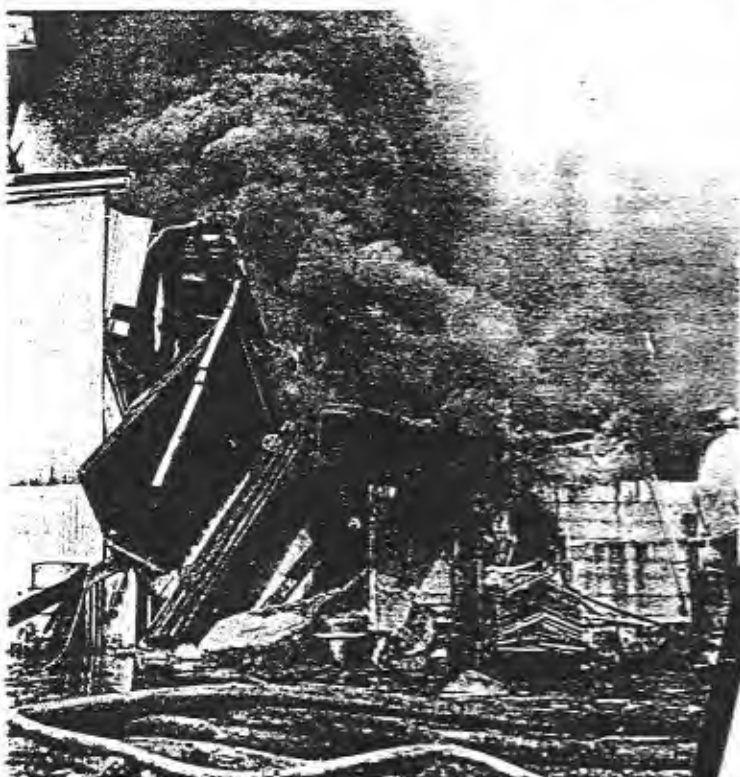
Iron Man

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BANFIELD COMPLIMENTS EMPLOYEES FOR GREAT JOB



For other pictures of explosion
see page 5

TO ALL IRON FIREMAN EMPLOYEES:

We wish to take this method of expressing our appreciation to all our employees for the manner in which they reacted to the emergency following the explosion and fire on August 23rd.

We were pleased to note how the employees turned to and helped each other even in grave danger and peril to themselves. They displayed no feeling of panic but on the contrary did all in their power to help the injured immediately and also assisted in the putting out of the fire which followed.

Our First Aid and our own fire brigade were particularly active during the emergency and full credit should be given for their efficient and active taking over at once.

It is impossible to list personally all those who did this fine job at the time of the explosion and danger immediately following. You have again shown the fine teamwork which has made the success of Iron Fireman possible.

Sincerely,

T. H. Banfield
T. H. BANFIELD
President





Ronald LeRoy Baucom came into the personnel office with his "Honorable Discharge." Ronald has been in the service since September 10, 1942, and his papers were dated August 7, 1945. He saw service in the South Pacific and in the Aleutians on a destroyer escort. Now he is enjoying Portland weather and being home with his wife. Welcome back Ronald.



Home on leave is Bill Weiss AOM 3/c, who, on a carrier, has seen almost all the islands in the Pacific. His biggest thrill on his return was to see the change in his 22-month-old son whom he had not seen for 18 months.



One of the favorite souvenirs of Carl Gray AMM 2/c is a Maltese insignia off an officer's cap that he got during his five day stay on Malta. Carl has been on sub patrol in the Atlantic, in the Southern France invasion, on Luzon, at Iwo Jima and Okinawa and is now at home for a well earned leave.



Karl Merrill MoMM 3/c came to visit us for a short while. He has seen destroyer duty for three years. With the Amphibs he was in the Bougainville landings, the first raid on Wake, the Marcus landings and spent some time in the hospital. He now has shore duty and we hope to see him again soon.



Mike Colatorti is another Fireman who now carries the Honorable Discharge pin in his lapel. He left the Navy a MM 2/c after being with the Sea Bees at New Caladonia, Guadalcanal, and finally on Guam. He did everything from stevedoring to truck driving and he thinks the machines in our shop sure look beautiful. He is very happy to be a civilian again and we were very happy to see him.



After no little protest we finally got the picture of Inez Pfaffengut, S3/c who dropped in to visit her old friends at Iron Fireman. Before joining the Waves, Inez worked on payroll here. Now she is stationed at San Francisco in Headquarters' Security. She was on her way to North Dakota on a 14-day leave. We were all glad to see Inez and hope she will pay us a visit again soon.

MCGILL REASSIGNED

Private First Class James W. McGill, has been assigned to the Press Relations Office of the battle famous 34th Infantry Regiment.

In his new work he is writing front-line stories for release to war correspondents, news wire services and to local papers of men in the regiment. Prior to the appointment, McGill was a radio technician with the third battalion communications section.

Jimmy joined the 34th in a combat zone on Leyte. His first action was the invasion of Luzon and the storming of Zig Zag Pass on historic Bataan. He is now in garrison after his regiment's completion of 150 mile drive across Mindanao, which was the longest land advance in the Pacific Theater.

Jimmy worked in tool grinding here and has many friends who will remember him. While he was overseas his daughter Kathleen was born on the eve of her father's beach-head landing on Luzon. Word of her birth reached him eight weeks later.

Jimmy Flint Earns Purple Heart



Hal Flint, machine inspector, is proud of his son Jimmy's "Purple Heart."

Hal and Mrs. Flint both had a few anxious minutes after opening the package that contained the "Purple Heart," but an accompanying letter from "Jimmy" explained that he had been wounded about one inch below his right eye with a hand grenade.

His wound was not too serious and he is now O.K.

Besides the Purple Heart, Jimmy was awarded the Unit Citation for 63 continuous days under fire at Mindanao, and his Infantry, the 21st, accounted for 42 per cent of a total of 5,149 Japs killed. Note: They captured 14.

Jimmy also holds the Combat Badge for exemplary conduct under fire.

All Jimmy's friends at Iron Fireman wish to congratulate him on his splendid record (he has only been in the Army about eight months) and wish him a speedy trip home.



JAMES W. MCGILL

The war is not over until our boys come home. Give to the War Chest

TEEPLE CO. JOINS THE IRON FIREMAN FAMILY

—Now the Heat Control Division
of Iron Fireman

Arrangements were completed in July whereby the Iron Fireman Manufacturing Company obtained the manufacturing facilities of the L. R. Teeple Company, effective as of August 1. Wayne Strong was transferred from Plant No. 1 to act as plant manager of the new Heat Control Division of Iron Fireman. With him he took Velma Banko as his secretary, Virginia Williams, receptionist, and Larry Anderson, who had worked in Plant No. 1 in inspection, as model maker.

The L. R. Teeple Company was incorporated in 1924, and located in a small building on East Hawthorne installing controls for Portland Gas and Coke Co.

Shortly after, contact was made with the Portland Wire & Iron Works who were interested in the development of a stoker. As the use of stokers was expanded and improvements developed, controls were made to handle the various models.

In 1926, the first section of the present plant was built on East Ninth Street; and in order to keep pace with the rapid development of Iron Fireman, the plant was expanded to cover the entire block and was equipped with modern and up-to-date machinery and production methods.

During the war the entire output of the plant was given over to the production of bomb fuzes for the Army Ordnance Department; and the production and delivery schedule was such that an Army and Navy "E" award was made in January, 1945.

The bomb fuze contracts were terminated early in June, and the conversion of the plant to control production was started.

Full conversion and desired production levels will necessarily require some months to obtain because of certain critical shortages; however, a substantial quantity of controls are already being produced, and it is our hope that production will be in full swing by January, 1946.



New Heat Control Division of Iron Fireman, formerly L. R. Teeple Company, located at 2838 S.E. 9th. Above, general view of well arranged shop.



Wayne Strong, plant manager of the heat control division. This very versatile gentleman who has served in many capacities during his 16 years with Iron Fireman was the natural selection

to handle this new division of the Iron Fireman family. His experience includes working as watchman, shipping clerk, screw machine operator, lathe operator, assembler and more recently as head of the planning department at Plant No. 1.

Wayne needs no introduction to the employees of Plant No. 1, but they all wish to offer him their congratulations and wish him good luck on his new venture.



Richard Wright, factory superintendent. Richard was employed by the L. R. Teeple Company in 1927 upon his graduation from Benson, and his advancement with the

company has been steady, having worked as machinist and toolmaker until promoted to his present position.



A. L. "Al" Judson, chief engineer of the heating control division. Mr. Judson is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin in mechanical engineering. After completing his

college, Al decided to go into control engineering and worked for a number of companies in the East, finally going to Minneapolis Honeywell where he was assistant chief design engineer of the primary controls division. This job he held until coming to the L. R. Teeple Company in 1938.



Leonard Helgesson.

Leonard is a graduate of Oregon State College in electrical engineering. In 1930 he was employed by General Electric and sent to various eastern

in their student test courses. Mr. Helgesson brought seven years' engineering experience to his present position in 1937. He is currently holding down the job of purchasing agent and is handling the service department.

Give because you care — United War Chest

First Aid Meets Emergency

Employees at Iron Fireman had a real opportunity to appreciate the value of their first aid department on Thursday, August 23, when the salt bath furnace in the heat treat room exploded and created such havoc. Their praises of the efficient way in which this emergency was handled by Mrs. Stephens, the supervisor of nurses, have been many and warm.

Over 75% of the employees injured in the explosion and fire passed through the First Aid Department. This despite the handicap of wrecked cabinets and clocks and other pieces of equipment occasioned by this same explosion. "Stevie" took care of all who came, examining injuries and putting on bandages, with unfailing calm and good nature.



FIRST AID AFTER EXPLOSION

Before the end of the war Mrs. Stephens had a staff of four, but now her department consists of herself and Mary Wagner. Like most of Iron Fireman's department, first aid is a well-knit organization. Not only does its duties consist of bandaging cut fingers and swabbing throats but a considerable amount of paper work, too. First aid makes the appointments for doctors under the auspices of the Industrial Hospital Association, makes records of treatments, accidents, and absenteeism, gives clearances to employees returning to work after an absence.

Some days are busier than others, but there is no pattern, says nurse Mrs. Birdice ("Stevie") Stephens. However, she can always count on Monday being a big day. Most common injuries are cuts and slivers, but eye injuries are the biggest headache. Business is seasonal, with colds in the winter and poison oak in the summer. For some unaccountable reason, there are more accidents in the summer.

Eye accidents are the biggest worry. Mrs. Stephens emphasized that such accidents should be reported right away,



MRS. BIRDICE STEPHENS

as there is danger of infection if an eye injury is neglected. The comfort of the new safety goggles was stressed. In cases of eye injuries the most frequently heard words are "I just took my goggles off for a minute"—then in splashes oil or steel chips.

Although they are authorized only to practice first aid, medicine is dispensed under doctor's orders. First aid has sterilizing equipment and instruments for taking care of lacerations. The heat lamp is probably the most versatile piece of equipment; it is used for treating sprains, bruises, congestion and colds.

IRON FIREMAN EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FOURTH PLACE PLAQUE

The plaque pictured above was awarded the employees of Iron Fireman Manufacturing Company for their work in the Seventh War Loan drive which won them fourth place in the Big 6 Industries. This plaque will be on display at the personnel office until a suitable place can be found for it in the shop.

The Victory Loan drive will begin October 29, 1945, with a goal of \$11,000,000,000.



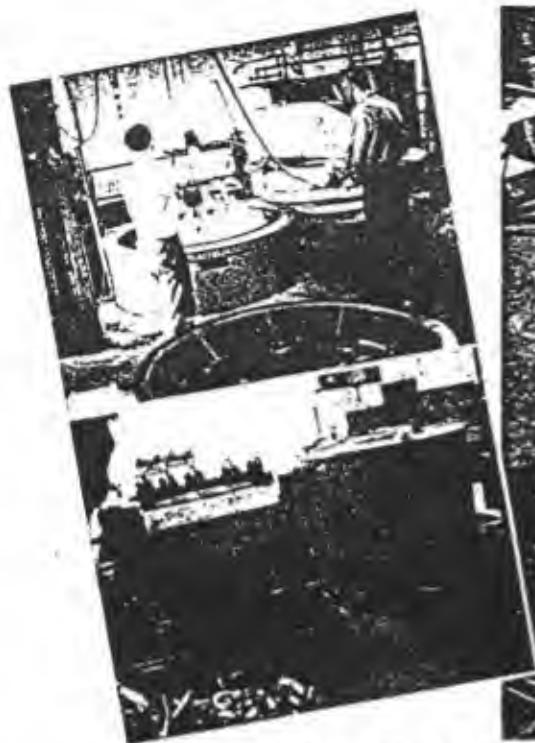
In Memoriam

Iron Fireman employees mourn the death of Michael Keck, who died in the explosion August 23. Mike came to work in January, 1942, as an inspector, and worked in various phases of inspection during his term of employment. Being an ardent gardener himself, he freely gave advice on gardening to aid his fellow employees to produce better victory gardens. He came from his native country, Russia, in 1921, and soon became an American citizen. He served in the Russian army in World War I, and was a member of the U.S. National Guard while he lived in Seattle. His gentle, cheerful disposition endeared him to his fellow employees, who wish to extend sympathy at this time to his wife and three children, and other members of his family.

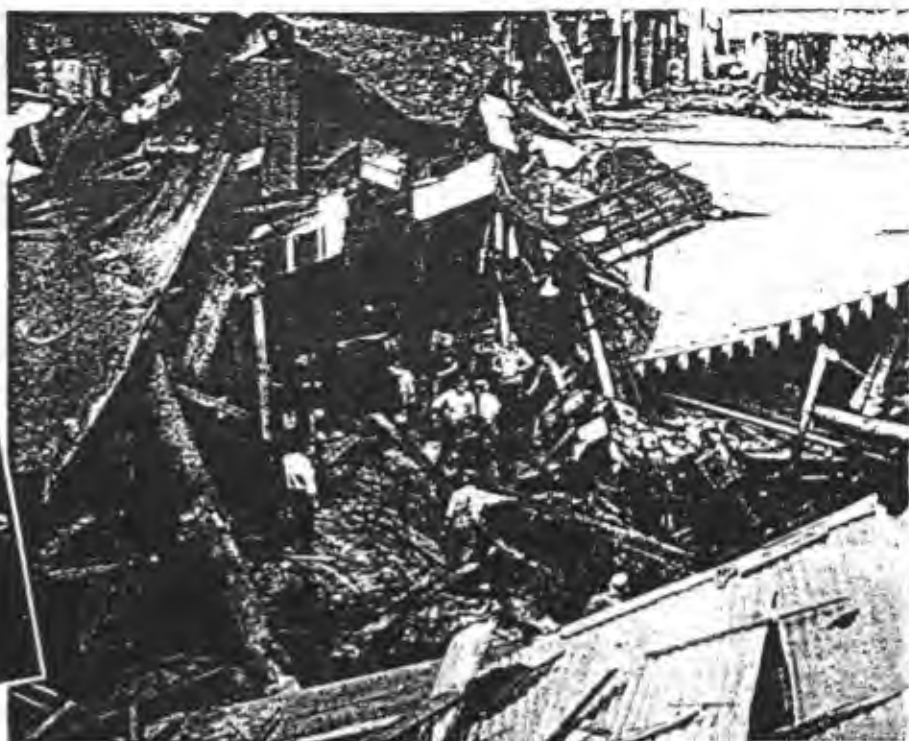
Iron Fireman employees mourn the death of June Klages who died from injuries suffered in the explosion August 23, and wish to extend sympathy to her family. June came to work in June, 1942, having completed a training course at Benson Polytechnic School, and was among the first group of women hired for the machine shop. She worked on drill presses and mills, until she was transferred to the inspection department to keep records. She was a member of the Iron Fireman Women's Bowling League and took an active part in all women's activities. June came to Portland from Mankato, Minn., where she lived most of her life. Her cheerful smile and friendly manner will be long missed by her many friends.

Will you wear a red feather? United War Chest, Sept. 24-Oct. 19

MORE EXPLOSION PICTURES



Heat Treat before explosion.
August 23.



Heat Treat Department after explosion.



Damaged car of Francis Arnold.



Boring holes to drain out water.



John Davis on way to hospital.



FBI makes investigation.



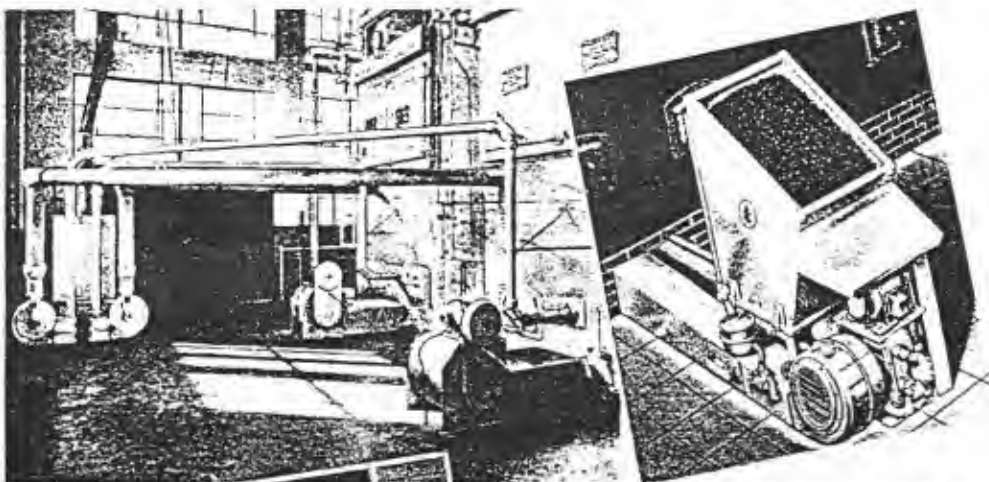
Removing the debris.



Digging out "the hole."

How much can you spare to show you care? United War Chest

IRON FIREMAN FUTURE



Left above: Iron Fireman pneumatic spreader stoker; Left: Residential coal flow stoker; Above: Commercial hopper model.



STOKER PRODUCTION

By T. L. BRYANT

Now that Victory is won, the postwar transition and production of our peacetime products must be effected with all possible speed. This conversion to normalcy must through necessity be rapid. Manufacturers in every industry are clamoring to produce their products in order to get the jump on their competitors. There is a big job ahead!

"Hats off to the past—coats off to the future" is a watchword synonymous with Iron Fireman. It is more appropriate now and we'll accept the challenge.

While tipping our hats at the past, we can be mighty proud of our splendid war record. Critical schedules were completed on time—no delays; complete harmony between labor and management—no lost time; perfect coordination and cooperation within and among all departments—excellent teamwork; all these added up to a smooth, efficient organization that clicked as a unit and in our humble way helped pave the road to Victory.

For the future we have not been caught

napping. Plans have been formulated which will keep Iron Fireman products right on top in our respective field. The task ahead is not an easy one. It can be taken for granted that our experience and knowledge gained in the war period will be a great asset in peacetime work; likewise, with our improved and newer machine tools we are better equipped to meet increased production demands—we will need all these, plus plenty of hard work and teamwork—to accomplish the task ahead. Our sales department and dealer organization are clamoring for stokers and our other products.

Let's take off our coats and accept their challenge!

HEAT CONTROLS

By WAYNE STRONG



always manufactured controls for Iron Fireman has, in its present line of controls nine basic types of instruments from which a total of 29 different controls are manufactured.

At the present time the engineering department and model shop are very busy

rushing new designs and new controls to give Iron Fireman the very best control instruments in its history.

The company plans to pursue the aggressive policy in this instance that has caused Iron Fireman to become the largest producer of small coal stokers in the world. Plans call for production of various types of control equipment for sale commercially, and considerable progress has already been made and contacts established, which promises a large volume of new business and production for the company.



PERSONNEL

By H. M. GOWING

Personnel—the life blood of any organization; the power that really makes the wheels turn.

As this group of people which we refer to as the Iron Fireman Family has shrunk to about its normal proportions and war is over, everyone is interested in what the immediate future holds for him. For the past five years we have had to forget all our particular pleasures and pursuits and give all our energy to the war production.

Now our problems are those of peace and reconversion. We have learned much that is worth while from the pressure of war work. Many of the personnel policies started under the necessity of speeded-up production will be continued to build a strong peacetime organization.

The employees remaining now should be able to look forward to a future with Iron Fireman with confidence and satisfaction. We are at a low ebb in production due to a shortage in critical production materials. Every prospect is for the early loosening up in this material. With the new production methods we have learned, and the materials to make our products we should in a few months attain a full peacetime production level.

With peace comes other long forgotten advantages. Among them the 40-hour week. Now we can enjoy some of those faintly remembered pleasures: fishing, going to the beach, going to the mountains. We can become acquainted with our families. We will not enjoy these things to their full perhaps, until all our boys are home. We can work together now to build a world they can enjoy when they do return.

PE IN MANY FIELDS

THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS

By JOSEPH R. GERBER

A few days ago I was listening to Arthur Gaeth the dramatic news commentator. Gaeth said, as I understood him, that there could be no trouble in providing jobs for million workers if the business men do their part. "But," he said, "business men don't seem to realize their responsibility and they had better realize it or the government will take over and make these jobs. Why don't the business men," Gaeth said, "get together and accept this responsibility and do the job themselves?"

I believe that Gaeth represents a popular but impractical view by a person who doesn't understand the facts. In the first place if business men should band themselves together to provide jobs would it mean the creation of a super-government of a most intolerable kind?

Secondly, who are the business men? They are the workmen of yesterday. There are all stages of business men from the one-man shoe repair business to the General Motors Corporation and other large industries. If it hadn't been for workmen starting one-man enterprises on their own there would have been very few jobs of any kind today. Ford, Westinghouse, Oliver and most every big business of today started very small, frequently on a one-man enterprise. One man took a chance on making a job for himself instead of getting a job working for someone else. Soon he had jobs for others. That is the way it always has been and so far as I can see it is not going to change. By what right can we now demand that these workmen who took a chance, must take on the job of providing employment for all? How many other men are competing for jobs today could be eating their own jobs and jobs for others today?

I happen to know that Harry Banfield as a carpenter working for a boss 35 years ago. He could still be a carpenter working on his job if he hadn't struck out on his own. The same thing applies to many business men whom you can name. Of course, statistics show us that somewhere around 90 per cent of the men

who start in business for themselves fail, but it is surprising how many of those who fail started out on a big scale with large sums of money and it is astonishing how many of the giant enterprises of today started out as one man with little or no money at all.

It seems to me that in the future the same as in the past the number of available jobs will depend a good deal on the number of men who take themselves off the list of job hunters by starting something on their own initiative. Abraham Lincoln sums it up when he said:

"There is no permanent class of hired laborers amongst us. Twenty-five years ago I was a hired laborer.

"The hired laborer of yesterday labors on his own account today, and will hire others to labor for him tomorrow.

"Advancement—improvement in conditions is the order of things in a society of equals."



PRODUCTION

By EARL WINKLER

We of the production department have a big job in front of us that is going to take the combined efforts of everyone to get into production of gear cases, stokers, oil burner furnaces and other items which management has planned for us.

Just as soon as we get our inventory of materials, tools and equipment of our war contracts we will have a layout ready by department to establish our own equipment on a production basis for fabricating all parts and assembling all items right here in our own main plant just as we did before the war.

We have a large program so we must do everything possible to cut costs and expedite production and assemblies if we are to meet competition and survive.

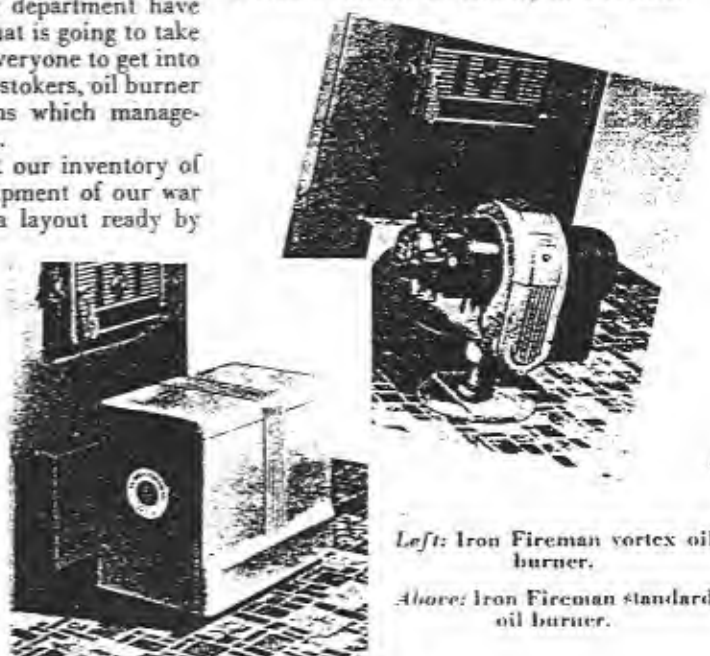
OIL BURNERS AND WINTER AIR CONDITIONERS

By MAX RICHARDSON

The name of Iron Fireman is so pre-eminent in the world picture of automatic coal burners, that some other important Iron Fireman products have gone relatively unnoticed. For instance, relatively few people are aware that since 1936 the Iron Fireman Manufacturing Company has been continuously engaged in developing a complete line of domestic oil burners and winter air conditioners.

At the present time the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., list six domestic oil burners under the Iron Fireman banner. Of these the latest gun type burner, Model M-2, and the de luxe luminous Vortex flame burner, Model V, are listed with the best industry standard approval, CS-75-42. These burners will be produced in quantity and certainly will take an important place in the industry.

To match these new oil burners as well as to take complete advantage of the latest developments in the automatic coal burning art, improved types of winter air conditioners are on the way. These new winter air conditioners take advantage of the previous company experience in the field and also they include features of new patents acquired by the company. Iron Fireman will not be lacking in this field.



Left: Iron Fireman vortex oil burner.

Above: Iron Fireman standard oil burner.



War Chest Drive to be October 1-19

Good food and plenty of it, recreation, dances, a place to sleep, and above all a spot to relax and get away from what is furnished to the nation's merchant seamen by United Seamen's Service centers all over the United States and in many foreign countries. The picture above was taken at the Portland Center, which is a local participating agency of the United War Chest campaign. Drive dates this year in Portland and Multnomah county will be from October 1-19, with a quota of \$1,398,742.00 set.

Would you like to have your picture taken?

Not the kind of a picture you usually think of but a picture of your chest as a sort of job and health insurance? And all at no expense to you except a little of your time. The City-County Tuberculosis Survey Center is located at 830 S.W. Tenth Avenue, Portland. The purpose of the Survey Center is to offer every individual in the community the opportunity of having an annual chest X-ray free of charge. There are no strings tied to this offer. Anyone can avail himself of this opportunity, young or old.

Having a chest X-ray is safe and harmless. It takes only a half minute to take the picture, and it is not necessary to have an appointment. The Survey Center has private dressing compartments; capes are provided for women who have their pictures taken.

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Unusual records make melodious hobby



The way to a man's heart through the medium of good food may be one path but a method of equal value to the recording hobbyist is to talk to him about his records. I believe in some cases the food would set and get pretty cold while the talk would wax and grow pretty hot. This would be the case if you start Art Klee, of the tool grinding department, talking about the famous recordings of Enrico Caruso, tenor, and Amelito Galli-Curci, soprano, which he possesses. Art has over 50 of Caruso's operatic recordings.

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The most likely place to find these operatic voice gems is at second hand stores, rummage sales, and stores of charitable institutions where they have been donated. The best time of the year is during spring cleaning. Collectors often help one another because they are interested in different types of records. Other record collectors may collect foreign records, jazz and instrumental records.

Art has gone through some one hundred thousand records. Some can be bought for as little as two cents and the prices range from there on up. His friends always charge him 50 cents for the two-cent variety.

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Dennis Norman Anderson (6 mos.)



Janet Zimmerman (8)



Teddy (7) Zimmerman



Henrietta Zimmerman (10)



Anita (6) and Gail (3) Rosebraugh



Ronald Jarek (6 mos.)



Barbara Ann (6 mos.) and Jerry Lee (2½ yrs.) Hupp



Jon Curtis Hosmer (6 mos.)



Richard Porter (8) and Jon Hosmer



Sondra Lee Christensen (2)



Rollin A. Swanson (10)



Keith (4) and Janelle (6 mos.) Eckhard



George J. Kolikaba, Jr. (2 yrs. 10 mos.)



Donald (4) and Audrey (10) Hamburg



Garlan Potts, Jr.



Elita Louise Aplanalp (2½)



Tom "Butch" Schwerin (2½)



Robert "Bohly" (1) and Charles "Chuck" (4) Hodson



Darlene Ferguson (9½ mos.)



Gordon Johnson (15 mos.)



Pat Schwerin (6½)

Will you wear a red feather? United War Chest, Sept. 24-Oct. 19

STRICTLY PERSONAL



Recent departures—Suzanne Jessup left payroll to teach junior high school at Tillamook, Oregon. Another teacher, Jean Anderson of insurance, left to teach typing at Commerce high. Barbara Jean Young is her successor. Virginia Williams is keeping Wayne Strong and Velma Banke from being too lonesome over at the heat control division. Incidentally, you should see the sparkler on Velma's left hand—something acquired while on vacation no doubt. Other recent departures were made by Dorothy Kane of the payroll department, Alice Savage from material control, Doris Tupper, from cost department, and Marjorie Hobson who just moved downstairs from personnel.



Marjorie is Mr. Carter's new secretary replacing Clarice Greenwald, who is staying at home now that her soldier husband has returned. Don Allen, our returning hero, is again working in tool design—glad you're back, Don. "Millie" White says her husband is homeward bound and should arrive in about three weeks. We're betting Millie and her husband take a well earned vacation at the beach. How about that family now, Millie?

Another new father is Reuben Wald of the upstairs office. That makes three girls now, doesn't it Reuben? Seems like Red Bixel and Reuben could swing a little deal.



Wonder why Maxine Schoenrock of purchasing is so anxious to get to work on time lately? Couldn't be that Milwaukie bus driver, could it Maxine?

"Come on in, the water's fine," says Warren Denny. He should know because he has had a recent, and unexpected swim in the Willamette. We understand that he was trying out a new canoe and

the canoe refused to cooperate when he stepped off the dock. Result—an unplanned ducking for Mr. Denny. After about ten years of boating on the rivers of Oregon this is proportionally the first time Warren has gotten wet. You can't win every time, fella.



Anyone wishing to see "Bill" Brennan in action (working, we mean) should see Orv Lamvik. It seems Orv was on his way home from his vacation when he noticed a motorist on the side of the road fixing a flat tire. You guessed it—on stopping he found "Bill" sweat on his brow, busily repairing a flat. "Big-hearted Orv decided to help so he immediately started taking motion pictures. Maybe we should have them shown some lunch hour?

Dan Anderson and his secretary, Betty Howell had to move their headquarters to dryer land. The explosion blew out all the windows as well as the walls and left Dan's desk practically out in the open. The recent rain left puddles of water all over the floor of what remains of final inspection.

Art Sweet, who was operated on Friday, the 7th, was given a blood transfusion by Fred Groshong. Howard Nelson is standing by in case another transfusion is necessary. Both Fred and Howard are to be complimented on their willingness to help a fellow employee. By the way Art would enjoy a line or two from any of his many friends at I.F. Address your letter to: University of Oregon Medical School, T.B. Hospital, Marquam Hill, Portland.



Mr. Steve Putnam is now the proud father of a 7-lb. 15-oz. boy, born August 12th, named Stephen Scott. How about cigars, Steve? Also to be congratulated is Ray Kaleshnik whose wife presented him with 9-lb. 10-oz. baby girl recently. They gave her a pretty name, too, Janice Kristine.

IRON FIREMAN CIRCUS PARTY

Hurry, hurry! Get your popcorn, pop-corns, chewing water and soda gum! That was the familiar cry heard by more than 250 Iron Firemanites at the annual Shrine Circus on Wednesday, August 29. This circus is produced under the direction of the Polack Brothers and travels the country from coast to coast playing before capacity crowds. Included in the array of talent presented were well trained chimpanzees; educated horses; Chester "Bo-Bo" Barnett foremost clown and his canine entertainers; the four Sidneys, sensational cyclists; famous international juggler; a master of the bounding wire, featuring a somersault on the wire through a 14-inch hoop. Hippodrome elephants with a bag full of tricks, and various other novel and interesting acts.

This was a great show and all Iron Firemanites who attended will have memories to enjoy for a long time. Through arrangements of Earl F. Winkler, plant superintendent and Shriner, the Iron Fireman group sat in a special reserved section and enjoyed the performance with their friends. Ticket selling was handled by Herman Reisbick and Belle Fontaine.

Horoscopic Hilites

The following is the result of much careful research on the stars, conducted by your editor herself. Any resemblance between these facts and the truth is entirely accidental.

Persons coming into the world during the second half of September are born with a silver spoon in their mouths. However, this spoon should be removed instantly to allow for normal teething.

If anyone born on September 31 does not receive birthday gifts, he should not feel too badly. There is no September 31st.

Not that people born during this month are exactly tight, but you should beware of calluses on the right hand from squeezing sharp coins.

It is not recommended that people born in September send arsenic to their mothers-in-law unless it is cleverly concealed in a bottle of elderberry wine.

Strangely enough, people born between September 10 and September 25 should avoid flying as much as possible. Serious results are liable to occur—that is, unless you go in an airplane.

How much can you spare to show you care? United War Chest



★Sgt. Harry Spencer, writes from his home where he is enjoying a well earned furlough about his experiences in Germany. "On December 17, 1944 as a radio operator-gunner in the 15th A.A.F. we took off from our base in Italy to bomb synthetic oil refineries in eastern Czechoslovakia. Our mission was routine and uneventful until a few minutes from the target when we were attacked by a large number of German fighter planes, we shot five down but finally with one engine out we lost another and were left far behind by our own planes. With one engine on fire and burning in toward our gas tanks there was but one thing left to do, "Hit the silk" and that is what we did. Though my engineer and myself were wounded, four of us made it safely to the ground before the ship blew up killing six of my crewmates and buddies.

The three other boys were picked up almost as soon as they hit the ground by civilians but as I landed off to the edge of the mountains I managed to elude them for about eight hours but everything seemed against me as I'd lost my boots when my chute opened, had a bullet hole in my leg and I guess I was pretty lucky to walk ten miles before being captured. From then until our liberation was a succession of different P. W. camps none of them very good. We were liberated by the Russians at Neubrandenberg May 1st, and from there we flew to La Harve, France to get a boat home."

★Norman L. Harris can't seem to get away from the mechanical work. He was working as a supply clerk but now the Army is sending him to auto-mechanic school. He writes from Fort Lewis, Washington, that he often thinks of the plant and of the time he was working here. He heard about the fire and explosion and wrote he was sorry to hear about this bad luck.

★Lt. (j.g.) George Ricketts writes that he "married my San Diego sweetheart while in home port in June. Nee Helen Bailey, she is a coach and supervisor at Bell Telephone." He also says that it is 114 degrees on his ship as he writes and nine fans are burnt out including his own. He is somewhere about 7,000 miles from us on the S.S. Jefferson City Victory.

★William Carrington writes from Hutchinson, Kansas that he is in the aviation branch of the Navy as a mechanic and is working on the PB4&2 known as a Privateer. He wanted us to be sure to add his name to the *Iron Man* mailing list.

★Cpl. Lloyd G. Lushanko, somewhere in the Central Pacific, writes: "I want to take this time in thanking you for sending me the *Iron Man*. Having taken part in the invasion of Okinawa for the past few months, since April 1st, I enjoyed very much reading the *Iron Man* throughout combat. It has reached me, everywhere I went, Guadalcanal, and the rest of the places I've been." He wrote his letter on August 15, 1945—a significant day for us all.



★From Augsburg, Germany comes a letter and picture from Sgt. Fred Kreiger who has been transferred from the 12th Army to the 7th Army which is the Army of occupation. He was stationed at Wesbaden, a short way out of Frankfurt, before going to Augsburg. After receiving an additional battle star award to his unit Fred is still 24 points short of a discharge but he feels that his stay will be a little more pleasant "now that we can talk to these people, but I still wouldn't trade the good old U.S.A. for any or all of what I have seen over here."

★From London, England, Cpl. John Krieger writes to send us his address so he will be sure to get a copy of the *Iron Man*. We were very glad to get the address and hope this issue finds him promptly. He says he enjoys the news about the plant and the men he used to work with.

★The Picnic Issue of the *Iron Man* was enjoyed by Pfc Merle Trout in Korbach, Germany. He writes that "we boys in the signal company of the Third Division have quite a job ahead of us. We have to restore all the commercial telephone communications in our division's zone of occupation. It will be a tough job. Our bombers did wonders in blowing miles of pole lines down and ruining telephone exchanges. We can see what 100 to 1,000 plane raids can do." He also says that from the *Iron Man* he receives he feels that everyone here is on order for congratulations. "No other plants have ever done a better job than you have. It makes me proud to have worked there once."

★From somewhere where the Amphibious forces go to take a rest after they are through invading, Ralph Wilson writes that "things tend to get rather boring between invasions." He and O. K. Hall are together "recuperating after several lively months at Okinawa. We were lucky enough to emerge unscathed and it's a gratifying feeling to be able to hit the sack and know that some stray Kamikaze isn't going to be poking his nose into the works. As far as weather goes I would rather be there than here. But the recreation facilities up there aren't what they are here, so we are content to bear the discomforts for an occasional beer binge. And after a few months of getting out of condition a binge can be accomplished on a half dozen cans. Oh, but it's fun."

★Cpl. Jess Lamkin writes that he is a field soldier and his equipment and writing accommodations are very limited. He is in Mannheim, Germany and is hoping for an early discharge as who isn't.



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FOR SALE: By Mrs. Mike Keck, 1702 S.E. 57th Avenue. Please do not phone.

- 1 Power driven "Hammermill" with 6 cyl. Buick motor.
- 1 Montgomery Ward power garden cultivator with all attachments including power mower attachment.
- 1 Gas motor driven soil perforator.
- 1 ½ h.p. motor and compressor unit, for spraying paint, etc.
- 1 Small wood and metal lathe with motor, chuck and some tools.
- 1 Irrigating pump, powered with gas motor and 1¼ inch hose for same.
- 2 Hand planters.
- 1 Hand cultivator.
- 1 Complete unit in good condition outboard motor, boat and trailer for same.
- Many other miscellaneous articles, tools and equipment.

Wanted: Photographic printing and developing equipment. Please see Gene Halverson, Department 17-A.

Wanted: 9 mm Luger shells. Any quantity. See Lefty in Department 43.

Wanted: Any diameter, 3 or 4 jaw chuck, for 1¼ inch spindle. Must be in good condition. See "Siner," Department 22.

Wanted: A good machinist's tool box, reasonable. See Pete Hendrickson, Gauge Department.

For Sale: 12 gauge shot gun. "Remington pump" with two boxes shells. See "Red" in Tool Grinding.

For Sale: 1 large cabinet style Spartan radio. Needs some tubes. Otherwise very good bargain. See "Harvey" Department 43.

For Sale at Bargain: A Meyers pump jack with heavy duty 1 h.p. motor. Tank and pressure switch for deep well automatic water system. See Fred Raynor, Heavy Drills.

Would Like to Buy: A small Briggs & Stratton gas motor about ½ or ¾ h.p. See Bill in Tool Grinding.

For Sale: A 2 cyl. air cooled, Excelsior gasoline motor suitable for garden cultivator. About 8 h.p., in very good condition. See Bill Knopf, Department 43.

Will Buy: 50 gallon oil drums. Must be good shape. Please see M. Seibert, Department 41.

Share your victory—United War Chest



Bob Chambers



Al Hoffmeister



Hanson Bailey

BAD GREENS BUT GOOD SCORES

From an entry list of 38 Iron Fireman golfers came the following results, and despite the bad greens at Eastmoreland the B group turned in some very good cards. Low gross was a two-way knot, sharing first and second were Ted Walker and Bob Chambers carding forty-sixes. Al (Snap-gage) Hoffmeister was the candy kid for low net honors with a 33. Al must have burned off the few blades of grass left at old Eastmoreland and running a close second with a 34 was Hanson (First Aid Inspector) Bailey.

The hot shots in the A bracket did not do so well for themselves. Bill Webber actually stole first money with 42 gross while Elton Reddekopp and Ray (Weep and Wail) Reeser were dividing second at 46.

First and second low net in this bracket was another two-way tie by the milling department. None other than Bill Schuff and Bud Schwerin. This really brought crocodile tears from the Wailer.

PINBALL PATTEN

The 1945-46 Iron Fireman bowling league opened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 13, 1945, at the Oregon Alleys, located at S.W. Stark and Broadway. Bowling is one of the most popular sports today and like baseball, basketball and other sports it is very interesting to watch. So if you don't care to bowl yourself, come on down and root for the gang every Thursday night.

The following list of bowlers will furnish plenty of entertainment for the rooting gallery.

The officers of the Iron Fireman bowling league are:

President, Ted Kinney.
Vice-President, Max Richardson.
Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Chambers.

D. C. DEFINITIONS

Here are a few Washington definitions that may clear up the confusion:

Coordinator is a man who brings organized chaos out of regimented confusion.

Conference is a group of men, who individually can do nothing, but as a group can meet and decide that nothing can be done.

Statistician is a man who draws a mathematically precise line from an unwarranted assumption to a foregone conclusion.

Consultant is an ordinary guy who is a long way from home.

Economist is a man who has a Phi Beta Kappa key on one end of his watch chain and no watch on the other end.

TEAM No. 1
J. Pichl
T. Walker
W. Morris
R. Reeser
G. Kolibaba
H. Reischick

TEAM No. 2
B. Schwerin
E. Hoffmeister
G. Porter
R. Kaleshnik
Bill Brennan
Ed Lunda

TEAM No. 3
T. Kinney
D. Anderson (capt.)
C. Korrell
F. Wright
Al Schwerin
W. Tanna

TEAM No. 4
M. Overholts (capt.)
B. Chambers
H. Potts
M. Bixel
Chet Banta
Bob LaFortune

TEAM No. 5
E. Winkler
Wes Richardson
A. Foster
H. Nelson
W. Roschraugh
Les Gubell

TEAM No. 6
A. Hoffmeister
W. Packer
W. Hosmer
S. Putman
R. Sott (capt.)
W. Barker

TEAM No. 7
M. Williams (capt.)
T. Lowry
J. Romig
E. Hughes
Dick Rothenberg
Don Allen

TEAM No. 8
E. LaFortune
M. Richardson
A. Olson
R. Stone
P. McGuire
Bud Ferguson

TEAM No. 9
E. Ashenbrenner
G. Laing
M. Dixon
W. Hohenleiner
(capt.)
J. Haap
Elmer Richardson

TEAM No. 10
F. Hansen
W. Schuff
J. Armstrong
J. Leake
Ken Tupper
Roy England

Shooting News

By Bert Miller

This month's winner of the Iron Fireman Trophy is Charles Balkwill. Charley is perhaps our best shooter under pressure. Tell him he needs a certain score to win and he is likely to do it.

At the Oregon State Rifle and Pistol Association's Annual 30 cal. shoot we only had two entries and didn't bring home any 30 cal. medals. However, this year there was an air rifle division, and Bert Miller took second place medal with a 22 in the 200-yard offhand match.

We really feel the loss of some of our best talent due to the cuts in personnel but most of them that were shooting still are, even though they aren't eligible for the Iron Fireman match. After due season we will get started on our winter activities.

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